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GENERAL INFORMATION

ICPC Code Citation. Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 350E.

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. None other than those indicated in Article IV.

Age of Majority. 18 years. If a child is in foster care and becomes 18 years while still in high school, services can continue, under specified conditions, if high school can be completed by the end of the following school year.

Court Jurisdiction. Family Courts in each county (circuit) exercise original jurisdiction in child protection, delinquency, status offenses, adoptions, divorce, custody and visitation. Family Courts are: 1st Circuit, Island of Oahu; 2nd Circuit, Islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai; 3rd Circuit, Island of Hawaii; and 5th Circuit, Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

Custody Investigation Request. Request relating to divorce action and child custody disputes are sent to the Family Court.

REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Quarterly, unless specified.

Licensing Requirements. All non-medical child caring institutions, group homes, shelters, child day care facilities, foster homes and child-placing agencies must be licensed by the Department. Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 346. Medical or mental health facilities are licensed by the Department of Health, Hospital and Medical Facilities Branch, (808) 5864080. Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 321.

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PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful. Referrals may be made to the Department for a home study upon the discretion of the Family Court. ICPC procedures must be followed by the parties in an independent placement.

Adoption Petition. Filed in the circuit Family Court of the county of residence of the petitioner. Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 578.

Residential Placements. Child caring institutions and group homes are licensed by the Department. The Family Court has its own foster family homes.

- Requirements: ICPC Forms, court documents, and summaries.
- Rates: Set by each facility.
- Licensing: By department.

Foster Care Placements. Foster homes are licensed by the Department or by licensed child placing agencies with the exception of Family Court foster homes. Foster parents must have a criminal history record check.

PAYMENTS

TANF Payments. TANF payments may be made on behalf of non-resident children placed with specified relatives in Hawaii. Hawaii ICPC reserves the right to request that foster care board payments be made if this appears to be in the best interest of the placed child or is requested by the eligible caregiver.

Medicaid Payments. Hawaii medical cards will be issued to Title TV-E eligible children placed in licensed settings within the state, provided that eligibility certification from the sending state is included with the request. Medical benefits are also available to eligible children in TANF households. The effective date of medical coverage for newly approved applicants is:

1. The date the signed application is received by a Hawaii DHS income maintenance or MedQuest unit; or
2. If specified by the applicant, any date on which appropriate emergency room or hospital expenses were incurred and which is within the immediate five calendar days prior to the date of application; or
3. If the applicant is found to ineligible for the month of application, the date of the subsequent month in which all eligibility requirements are met by the applicant.

Foster Care Payments. Rates are paid at the Hawaii rate unless the receiving state requests payments at the receiving state's rate.

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Adoption Subsidy. Monthly maintenance is paid to adoptive parents of Hawaii children living out-of-state.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Child Abuse Reporting. Calls are not toll-free. Hawaii Standard Time. Oahu: (808) 8325300, Hilo: (808) 933-0350; Kona: (808) 327-4787; Kauai: (808) 274-3320; Maui: (808) 2435143; Molokai: (808) 553-1703.

Title IV-E Contact: Susan King, Assistant Program Administrator, (808) 587-3168.

Juvenile Compact Office. William Santos, Director, Family Court. Telephone: (808) 539-4400.

Mental Health Compact Office. Bette Kavanaugh, Coordinator, Department of Health. Telephone: (808) 236-8367.